

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received a complete application for the renewal of groundwater discharge permit NEV50003 from the following applicant:

**Topaz Lodge Incorporated
1979 Highway 395 South
Gardnerville, NV 89410**

The Topaz Lodge Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) is located at the site of the Topaz Lodge and Casino at Topaz Lake, Douglas County, Nevada. Domestic (sanitary) and food service wastewater is treated biologically in a DAVCO-brand wastewater treatment package plant, utilizing equalization, pre-treatment, on/off aeration, and denitrification through an upflow media filter. Wastewater receives tertiary treatment, and effluent is discharged to groundwater via a leach field. The facility serves 103 hotel rooms, three restaurants, a casino, and 58 year-round recreation vehicle spaces. The facility is currently permitted for a daily maximum of 35,000 gallons of wastewater. The Division has made the tentative determination to renew the groundwater discharge permit for a period of five (5) years, subject to certain effluent limitations.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand-delivered or postmarked no later than **5:00 P.M. on July 7, 2004**, either in person or by mail to:

**Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
333 West Nye Lane
Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851**

Comments and/or hearing requests received via facsimile or e-mail before 5:00 P.M. on the date listed above will also be accepted. All requests for hearings must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reason(s) why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day comment period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. The public notice of such hearings will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Janine Hartley, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9458, or at jhartley@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. This notice and the fact sheet are also available on the NDEP website at www.ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm.